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(54) Title: FISH DISEASE MODELS AND USES THEREOF

(57) Abstract: Generation and use of disease models, for instance in assays to identify and investigate genes and substances involved in disease and disease treatment, identification and use of drug targets. In particular, the present invention relates to generation and use of disease models in fish such as zebrafish. Gradable phenotypes may be generated in fish, allowing for degree of correction or alteration of an activity or effect of a treatment, gene or mutation to be assayed. Competing stimuli may be applied to fish in screens assaying for ability to affect an activity or effect of a treatment, gene or mutation. Example include any combination of an addictive drug, a visual stimulus, an audible startle stimulus, a temperature gradient, an electric shock, an aversive compound, a threatening shape or a dark area.

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Although claims 1-42 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 17, 21 (complete), 18-20, 22 (partially)
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this International application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☒ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:
1-21, 22 (partially), 25-42

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

Invention1: Claims 1-21, 22 (partially), 25-42

Methods for screening for a substance or gene using zebrafish.

Inventions 2: Claims 22(partially), 23-24

Method for determining effect of a substance on a fish the method comprising applying the substance dissolved in dimethyl sulphoxide (DMSO) to water inhabited by fish.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box I.1

Although claims 1-42 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 17, 21 (complete), 18-20, 22 (partially)

Present claims 17-22 relate to an extremely large number of possible compounds. No support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT is to be found for such compounds claimed. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.

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